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Application Number	09/895,236
Filing Date	June 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	Alford, Jr. et al.
Art Unit	2672
Examiner Name	Yang, Ryan R.
Attorney Docket Number	AUS920000865US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other Response to Final Office Action filed on June 7, 2004

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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iii. ☐ Other _____

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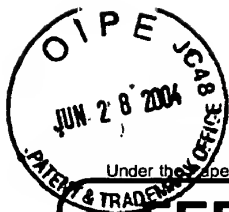
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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